

1 1. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:  
2 a ~~user interface feature~~user-interface configurable to have a selected orientation about at  
3 least a first axis, wherein the user-interface includes a plurality of input features;  
4 a detection mechanism to detect orientation information about the electronic device; and  
5 one or more components configured to select the orientation of the ~~user interface feature~~user-  
6 interface based on the detected orientation information, and to configure the ~~user-~~  
7 ~~interface feature~~user-interface according to the selected orientation;  
8 wherein the selected orientation is based on at least a first reference point on the first axis;  
9 and  
10 wherein at least one of a functionality or designated position of at least one of the plurality of  
11 input features is based on the selected orientation.

1 2. (Currently Amended) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the ~~user interface~~  
2 ~~feature~~user-interface is symmetrically disposed about a first axis, and wherein the selected  
3 orientation defines a reference indication on the first axis.

1 3. (Currently Amended) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the  
2 ~~user interface feature~~user-interface is symmetrically disposed about a first axis  
3 and a second axis, and wherein the selected orientation defines a first reference  
4 indication on the first axis, and a second reference indication on a second axis.

1 4. (Currently Amended) The electronic device of claim 2, wherein the  
2 ~~user interface feature~~user-interface includes a display, and wherein the one or

3 more components select the orientation by selecting a top-down direction on the  
4 first axis for displaying content on the display.

1 5. (Currently Amended) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the  
2 ~~user interface feature~~user-interface includes a set of buttons disposed  
3 symmetrically about the first axis, wherein the one or more components include  
4 a processor that assigns functionality to each button based on a position of that  
5 button in the selected orientation.~~selects the orientation of the set of buttons by~~  
6 ~~specifying a reference indication that defines a position of each button relative~~  
7 ~~to the first axis, and wherein the processor assigns a function from a set of~~  
8 ~~functions to each of the plurality of buttons based on the position of each~~  
9 ~~button.~~

1 6. (No Change ) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the one or more  
2 components include a processor.

1 7. (No Change) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein one or more  
2 components include a display driver.

1 8. (No Change) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the detection  
2 mechanism includes a plurality of sensor areas that detect user-contact.

1 9. (No Change) The electronic device of claim 8, wherein the plurality of  
2 sensor areas detect orientation information by being individually actuatable so  
3 that one or more actuated sensor areas form a select portion of the plurality of  
4 sensors that combine to define the orientation information.

1 10. (No Change) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the detection  
2 mechanisms includes a first actuatable surface and a second actuatable surface,  
3 wherein orientation information is detected by determining which of the first  
4 and second actuatable surface is actuated by user-contact.

1 11. (Currently Amended) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the  
2 orientation is selected so as to configure the ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface  
3 for left-handedness or right-handedness when one of the first or second  
4 actuatable surfaces is actuated.

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1 12. (Currently Amended) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the  
2 ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface is a handwriting input mechanism, and  
3 wherein the one or more components include a processor that selects the  
4 orientation of the handwriting input mechanism to be either for a left-handed  
5 user or a right-handed user depending on the orientation information detected  
6 by the detection mechanism.

1 13. (No Change) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the plurality of  
2 sensor areas are arranged to detect a user's hand orientation when the user grips  
3 the electronic device.

1 14. (Currently Amended) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the  
2 ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface includes a digital input feature of a display,  
3 and wherein the one or more components configure the ~~user-interface~~

4 | ~~feature~~user-interface according to the selected orientation by determining a  
5 | position of the digital input feature on the display.

1 | 15. (Currently Amended) The electronic device of claim 1, wherein the one  
2 | or more components select the orientation of the ~~user-interface feature~~user-  
3 | interface based on the detected orientation information only if the electronic  
4 | device is first determined to not have been in active use for a set duration of  
5 | time.

1 | 16. (Currently Amended) A method for configuring a an electronic device,  
2 | the method comprising:  
3 | detecting at least one user-contact in a plurality of possible detectable user-  
4 | contacts with the electronic device;  
5 | interpreting an orientation for a user-interface ~~feature~~ from the detected one or  
6 | more user-contacts, the user-interface including a plurality of input  
7 | features; and  
8 | configuring ~~the~~ at least a portion of the user-interface ~~feature~~ according to the  
9 | interpreted orientation; and  
10 | wherein the step of configuring at least the portion of the user-interface includes  
11 | selecting at least one of a functionality or position for one or more of the  
12 | plurality of input features.

1 | 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein interpreting an  
2 | orientation for a ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface from the detected one or  
3 | more user-contacts includes determining a reference indication of the ~~user-~~

4 | ~~interface feature~~user-interface about one or more axes from the one or more  
5 | contacts.

1 | 18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, further comprising  
2 | determining reference indication about one or more axes that the ~~user-interface~~  
3 | ~~feature~~user-interface is symmetrically disposed about.

1 | 19. (No Change) The method of claim 17, wherein determining the  
2 | reference indication includes determining a direction for content appearing on a  
3 | display.

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1 | 20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein configuring the  
2 | ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface according to the interpreted orientation  
3 | includes assigning an action to each button in a button set using the reference  
4 | indication.

1 | 21. (No Change) The method of claim 16, wherein detecting at least one  
2 | user-contact in a plurality of possible detectable user-contacts with the  
3 | electronic device includes detecting a first button press from a set of at least two  
4 | or more possible button presses.

1 | 22. (No Change) The method of claim 16, wherein detecting at least one  
2 | user-contact in a plurality of possible detectable user-contacts with the  
3 | electronic device includes detecting a grip configuration of a user from one or  
4 | more sensors on a housing of the electronic device.

1 23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein interpreting an  
2 orientation for a ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface includes determining a top-  
3 down vertical orientation for a display on the electronic device, and wherein  
4 configuring the ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface includes configuring the  
5 display so as to display content according to the top-down vertical orientation.

1 24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein interpreting an  
2 orientation for a ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface includes determining a  
3 right-left horizontal orientation for a display on the electronic device, and  
4 wherein configuring the ~~user-interface feature~~user-interface includes  
5 configuring the display so as to display content according to the right-left  
6 horizontal orientation.

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1 25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein interpreting an  
2 orientation for a ~~user interface feature~~user interface includes identifying the  
3 orientation of a digital input mechanism on a display of the electronic device.

1 26. (No Change) The method of claim 25, wherein identifying the  
2 orientation of a digital input mechanism on a display of the electronic device  
3 includes selecting a position of a handwriting input area on the display of the  
4 electronic device.

1 27. (No Change) The method of claim 26, wherein identifying the  
2 orientation of a digital input mechanism on a display of the electronic device  
3 includes selecting an arrangement of multiple character entry boxes for the  
4 handwriting input area appearing on the display.

1 28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein interpreting  
2 an orientation for a ~~user interface feature~~user-interface includes identifying  
3 a reference indication for the ~~user interface feature~~user-interface based on  
4 the detected one or more user-contacts.

1 29. (Currently Amended) An electronic device comprising:  
2 a display disposed symmetrically about one or more axes, the display being configurable  
3 to have a selected orientation based on a reference indication on the one or more  
4 axes;  
5 a detection mechanism to detect orientation information of the electronic device in use  
6 based on a user's contact with the electronic device; and  
7 one or more components configured to automatically determine the reference indication  
8 and to select the orientation of the display based on the determined reference  
9 indication.

1 30. (No Change) The electronic device of claim 28, where the reference indication  
2 identifies at least one of a top-down direction or right-left direction of the display.

1 31. (No Change) An electronic device comprising:  
2 a set of actuatable surfaces disposed symmetrically about one or more axes, the set of  
3 actuatable surfaces being configurable to have a selected orientation based on a  
4 reference indication on the one or more axes;  
5 a detection mechanism to detect orientation information of the electronic device in use;  
6 and



7 one or more components configured to automatically determine the reference indication

8 and to select the orientation of the set of actuatable surfaces based on the

9 determined reference indication

1 32. (No Change) The electronic device of claim 31, wherein the orientation of the set

2 of actuatable surfaces defines an action assigned to each button in the set of buttons.

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